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22. Method according to Claim 20, wherein said ^{third} ~~second~~ step comprises calculating said output torque based on torque characteristics of an engine of said drive train when a ratio between an input revolution speed and an output revolution speed is greater than a predetermined value, and calculating said output torque based on torque characteristics of a torque converter of said automatic transmission when said ratio is less than said predetermined value.

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment to the Specification, Abstract and Claims, before examination of the application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Evenson, Wands, Edwards, Lenahan & McKeown, Deposit Account No. 05/1323 (381/41092).

Respectfully submitted,

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